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REGULAR MEETING OF THE SANDPOINT CITY COUNCIL
March 7, 2018

OPENING Mayor Rognstad called the regular meeting of the City Council to order at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 7, 2018, in the Council chambers at City Hall, 1123 Lake Street.

ROLL CALL Council members Aispuro, Darling, Williamson and Eddy were present. Council members Aitken and Ruehle were absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Mayor Rognstad led the Council and the public in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Rognstad stated that the City's hearts and minds are with Officers Michael Hutter and Eric Clark, who were seriously injured while in the line of duty during an incident Monday morning. They performed courageously, doing their duty to serve our citizens and ensure public safety and welfare. City officials' hearts also go out to those in the community who were impacted by this senseless tragedy. The violence and affront to public safety in no way represents or characterizes our community. Rather, our community is characterized by the overwhelming support demonstrated by public safety servants, such as our police force and the citizens who came together to welcome Officer Clark home from the hospital and to support others traumatized by the tragedy and aftermath. He thanked all police officers for putting their life on the line every day to protect our community and keep us safe.

Police Chief Corey Coon announced that Officer Clark came home yesterday from the hospital and returned to Coeur d'Alene today to see a hand surgeon. He has an 18-month old son, and his wife is eight months pregnant. His recovery time from his hand wound is expected to be three to four months. Officer Hutter returned to the hospital for his leg wound and is expected to have a one-month recovery. Both officers are in good spirits, under the circumstances, and thanked everyone for their support.

PUBLIC FORUM

Rick Mullins, Sandpoint resident, stated that he is the Director for the Sandpoint Strikers Soccer Club. He said his organization has been working with the Parks and Recreation Department on a draft Field Reservation Policy. He raised concern with field space and field usage. He suggested establishing a committee to resolve issues with all sport organizations before the adoption of a policy.

City Administrator Jennifer Stapleton noted that the proposed Field Reservation Policy was reviewed with City Council during a workshop last August and included the attendance of user groups, where they had an opportunity to comment on the proposed policy. The proposed policy was directed back to staff to administratively finalize, based on discussions during the Council workshop. She confirmed that a meeting with the Soccer Association will be scheduled to review and discuss the proposed policy.

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Kari Saccomanno, Ting City Manager, said they will begin construction the first week of April. Phase 1 will be on Spruce Street, Division Avenue, Highway 2 and Fifth Avenue. They will also have a pilot phase that will be based on Division Avenue, Highway 2 and Pine Street.

Greg Flint, Sandpoint resident, voiced concern about the dangers of walking across streets in town. He commented that traffic travels too fast and wondered what happened to Sandpoint as a walking town. There is not enough enforcement on speeding vehicles. He was told by the Sandpoint Police Department this is because they are short staffed. The crossing signals at the roundabout haven't worked for five years. He urged the City to install more speed limit signs. He challenged City elected officials, Public Works staff and the Police Department to cross Fifth Avenue, the roundabout or the crossing at Boyer Avenue and Highway 2, where they will witness his concerns. He pointed out that students cross the Boyer Avenue and Highway 2 intersection. He urged drivers to slow down and to not use their phones while driving.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilwoman Williamson moved that items A-1 through C-2 be approved.
Councilman Eddy seconded the motion.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

Councilwoman Ruehle	Absent
Councilman Aitken	Absent
Councilman Aispuro	Yes
Councilman Darling	Yes
Councilwoman Williamson	Yes
Councilman Eddy	Yes

The motion passed by a unanimous vote of Council present.

A. MINUTES

A-1 City Council regular minutes of February 21, 2018

A-2 Arts Commission, January 23, 2018

A-3 Tree Committee, January 22, 2018

B. Bills in the total amount of \$282,332.89 for regular payables.

C. RESOLUTIONS

1. **Resolution No. 18-13** – Billing Document Specialists Agreement Renewal
2. **Resolution No. 18-14** – Authorization to Destroy Semi-Permanent and Temporary Records

NEW BUSINESS

D. SEPTEMBER 30, 2017 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRESENTATION

Steve Flerchinger, CPA, Vice President and Director of Audit and Assurance Services from Magnuson, McHugh & Company, P.A., thanked former City Treasurer Shannon Syth

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and City Treasurer Sarah Lynds for making the audit process much smoother. He noted that they did not find material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal controls. It's a myth that they can detect fraud unless it's material. The Management's Discussion and Analysis summarizes the 80-page report. Assets exceeded liabilities at the close of the most recent fiscal year by \$75,137,053. Of this amount, \$12,044,149 represents the unrestricted net position, which may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors. The City of Sandpoint has approximately \$100 million in assets, and the City's financial position was strong at the end of the fiscal year. The total net position increased \$6,852,878 from the prior year, reflecting \$3,629,300 for Governmental Activities and \$3,112,578 for Business-Type Activities. At the end of the current fiscal year, the unrestricted fund balance for the general fund was \$419,177 or approximately 4% of the total general fund expenditures.

Mr. Flerchinger noted that, at the end of the current fiscal year, the fund balance was \$1,098,376, and the total expended on the Memorial Field project was \$3,324,685. He pointed out that capital assets under Governmental Activities is approximately \$12 million, which is due to Memorial Field improvements. Business Activities, such as the Water and Sewer funds, were consistent with the last fiscal year. The most significant differences between estimated expenses and revenues and actual expenses and revenues were due to grants that were delayed or not awarded. An economic factor that currently affects the City of Sandpoint is the City's refinancing of the 2008 Sewer Bond. This saved the City rate payers over \$2 million and shortened the term by five years. The actual economic gain was approximately \$600,000, which includes the present value of payments on the old bond versus what will be paid on the new bond. There were good results in proprietary funds, and the City paid off some debts.

**E. RESOLUTION NO. 18-15 – 2018 LOCAL STRATEGIC INITIATIVES PROGRAM
NORTH ELLA OVERLAY LHTAC/LOCAL AGREEMENT**

Councilwoman Williamson moved that City Council approve the proposed resolution, 2018 Local Strategic Initiatives Program North Ella Overlay LHTAC/Local Agreement.

Councilman Aispuro seconded the motion.

A roll call vote of Council resulted as follows:

Councilman Darling	Yes
Councilman Aitken	Absent
Councilman Eddy	Yes
Councilman Aispuro	Yes
Councilwoman Ruehle	Absent
Councilwoman Williamson	Yes

The motion passed unanimously by Council present.

**F. ELLA AVENUE MAINTENANCE AND REHABILITATION PROJECT BID
DOCUMENTS**

Right of Way Inspector Bruce Robertson assured **Councilman Eddy** that City staff will be

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contacting property owners within the project. He noted that the overlay project includes brush removal and restoration.

Councilman Aispuro moved that City Council approve the specifications, plans and bid documents as presented for the Ella Avenue maintenance and rehabilitation project.

Councilman Darling seconded the motion.

A roll call vote of Council resulted as follows to the main motion:

Councilman Eddy	Yes
Councilman Aitken	Absent
Councilman Aispuro	Yes
Councilwoman Ruehle	Absent
Councilman Darling	Yes
Councilwoman Williamson	Yes

The motion passed unanimously by Council present.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Shelby Rognstad, Mayor

ATTEST:

Maree Peck, City Clerk